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A Stupid Defense Force

The anti-war Senators, the anti-war demonstrators, the anti-war anti-Americans all agree on one thing:

The weaker our defense forces the better.

This weakness is encouraged by cutting defense budgets; by disparaging our military service as a whole; by encouraging our country to wench on its treaties; by smearing the CIA and other intelligence gathering forces; by weakening the space program which is vital to the defense of the nation, and by forcing the armed services to take too many people with the lowest IQs.

Right now the Army is appealing the incredible rule under which it has had to take 24 per cent of its new enlisted men from the group scoring 10 to 30 on their IQ tests, when 100 is passing.

In short, one in four new enlisted men has to be stupid.

Now what does that mean?

It means more serious discipline problems; it means lower combat efficiency; it means more accidents. Accidents with guns and cannon can be very fatal, indeed.

It means that our army with one in four men stupid is going to have a harder time winning over any other army where maybe only one in five is stupid.

Happily, IQ tests — precisely, Armed Forces Qualification tests—are not perfect. Some low score individuals are able and useful soldiers. Further, because there are so many low-scorers in our society, some must be used in the defense of the nation.

But one sure way to weaken the armed forces is to require them to use a high percentage of low mentalities.

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